

## THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF SIN

TEXT: ROMANS 6:23

INTRO:

A. Sin is in the world today.

- We often ask the question how many have or know someone who has cancer?
- Believe it or not still a few escape this disease.
- But sin is one thing that has touched every person, effect every person.
- It is the world's greatest sickness.
- It is the individual's worst enemy.

B. As a society we give it different names.

- We try to smooth things over, make things more pleasant.
- We would not think of offending anyone by referring to them as sinner.
- Rather a person of unfortunate circumstances.

C. Some names society gives to sin.

1. Extra-martial affair - Bible stills calls it a sin of adultery.

- Job called it an **heinous crime** in Job 31:11
- Joseph calls it "**Great wickedness**" in Genesis 39:9
- Proverbs 6:32 "**But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.**"
- Proverbs 6:33 "**A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.**"
- Jesus said in MT. 5:28 - "**But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**"

2. Alternative life-style.

- The Bible calls it the sin of sodomy, homosexuality, a city was destroyed because of this sin.

- The Bible calls it in Romans 1:26 - **"change the natural use"** & Romans 1:27 - **"leaving the natural use"**

3. Society calls it a little white lie, stretching the truth.

- The Bible calls it the sin of lying.
- Romans 3:4 - **"...let God be true, but every man a liar"**
- Rev. 21:8 - **"...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."**

4. Society calls it alcoholism.

- The Bible calls it the sin of drunkardness.
- You're not an alcoholic but a drunk.

5. Society calls it getting ahead, putting career first, chasing the Almighty Buck!

- The Bible calls it the sin of idolatry
- Anytime you put someone or something before God.

6. Society calls it the "Dream of a Lifetime", hitting the lottery.

- The Bible calls it the sin of covetousness.
- Jesus warns against it.
- Luke 12:15 - **"...Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."**

#### D. Sin Defined:

1. Any want of conformity to the Character of God.
  - Sin is sin because it is different from what God is and God is eternally holy.
  - Sin is always against God, even though it may be directed against human beings.
  - Examples: God told Moses when people murmured against him that in fact they were not murmuring against Moses but God.

- David after committed sin of adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband murdered in battle, said Psalm 51:4
- **"Against thee (God), thee only have I sinned."**
- A person who sins, is accordingly, unlike God and subject to God's judgment.

## 2. How did sin enter the world?

- Romans 5:12 - **"Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."**
- Notice <sup>"by"</sup> "one man" - Adam; "all have sinned"

## 3. Clarification made:

- Does not apply to infants and children not reach what we call the age of accountability.
- Reach the age where understand they are a sinner.
- A child is not condemned, not accountable because they are without the law.
- Paul says in Rom. 5:13 - **"...but sin is not imputed (put on somenes account) when there is no law"**
- Paul says in Rom. 7:7 - **"I had not known sin, but by the law"**
- In other words, the purpose of the law is not to save anyone but to show that they are a sinner in need of a Saviour.
- Child does not understand this until reach the age of accountability.
- So, if an infant dies or a child dies before reaches that age of accountability then goes to heaven.
- Therefore, nonsense to sprinkle a infant to forgive original sin.
- Nothing to forgive, because they are without the law.
- The infant, the child is already converted.
- Remember what Jesus said **"except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"**.
- Jesus was indicating that the "little children" were converted

So, based on the scriptures this morning we want to see:

**I. IT IS NEEDLESS TO DENY THE FACT OF SINS.**

- SEE Romans 3:9-11, & Romans 3:23

**A. All are sinners.**

- SEE PSALM 14:2-3

**B. Let us recognize this fact about ourself, Christ came to save sinners.**

- Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
- I Tim. 1:15 - "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."
- Christians who have been saved for awhile sometimes forget that they are sinners saved by the grace God alone, by Faith alone, in Christ alone.
- Hardest thing when dealing with a lost person.
- To get to see they are a sinner.
- First big step in getting saved.

**II. IT IS NEEDLESS TO MINIMIZE THE POWER OF SIN.**

**A. Sin will wreck our lives.**

- Example of Samson.
- We are told in Judges 13:5 - "...for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb." (Nazarite vow - drink no wine not even grape juice, touch no unclean thing, hair not to be cut.)
- He was to be separated for service to God.
- Sin: - Marries a non-believer - Judges 14: 1 - "a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines"
- Judges 14:20 - he abandons wife, given to his companion.
- Judges 16:1 - sleeps with a harlot.
- Judges 16:4 - meets up with Deliah.

- Judges 16:19-20 - Deliah nags Samson gets the secret of his strength.
- Notice Jud. 16:20 - Samson loses the power of God because of sin in his life - "Lord was departed"
- Vs. 21 - See the results sin in Samson Life.
- "put out his eyes" - sin blinds
- "bound him" - sin binds
- "he did grind in the prison house" - sin grinds you.
- We see also with sin:
  - It will always take you farther than you ~~wanted~~<sup>wanted</sup> to go. - Samson tempted.
  - It will always keep you longer than you wanted to stay. Vs 21 - Samson in bondage.
  - It will always cost you more than you are willing to pay. Samson dying Jud. 16:30

#### C. Sin will wreck our testimony.

- Example of Lot:
- Nephew of a godly man, Abraham
- Lot fell in love with the world.
- We see his downward progression:
- Ge. 13:1 - "...Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where..."
- Ge. 13:2 - "Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan"
- He separated from his godly uncle.
- Ge. 13:12 - "...Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom"
- Ge. 19:1 - When see the two angels come to tell Lot about the destruction of Sodom they find Lot "...Lot sat in the gate of Sodom"
- This indicates that Lot was in some kind of authority or position in Sodom maybe even a judge.
- He had married up to the world, became like one of them.
- We see the evidence of his poor testimony, when tries to warn his son-in-laws of coming destruction
- **SEE GE. 19:14.**
- They would not go did not believe Lot because <sup>of</sup> his poor testimony.

- We see Lot lingering in GE 19:6.
- His wife looks back in GE 19:26 - turned into a pillar of salt.
- He ends up drunk in a cave, has a child by both his unmarried daughters. GE 19:30-38.

### C. SIN WILL DAMN A SOUL IN HELL.

*Psalm 9:17 - "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God."*

- Ezekiel 18:4 - "...the soul that sinneth, it shall die"
- Rom. 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death...."
- Rev. 21:8 - "But the fearful, and unbelieving, the abominable, and murders, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."
- Rom 3:4 - "...let God be true, but every man a liar;"
- The Bible tells us every man has lied, so deserve to go to "...the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

### III. IT IS NEEDLESS TO TRY TO HIDE ITS PRESENCE.

- Psalm 90:8 - "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance."
- Prov. 15:3 - "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."
- Prov. 28:13 - "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and foresaketh them shall have mercy."
- Example of Achan - Joshua 7.
- The Lord's instructions to Joshua concerning spoils of Jericho - Joshua 6:17-19.
- Achan committs tresspass - Jos. 7:1 - Doesn't tell anyone, hids his sin.
- Notice his sin effected others
- Result men of Israel flee in battle and some killed at Ai
- Joshua rent his clothes and fall flat on ground to inquire of the Lord.
- The Lord's reply Josh. 7:11-15

- Achan's confession - Josh. 7:20-21
- Wages of his sin - Josh. 7:24-26.

IV. THERE IS ONLY ONE REMEDY FOR SIN, IT IS NEEDLESS TO TRY TO SEEK ANOTHER.

A. Jesus is God's remedy — Rom 6:23—

- Acts 4:12
- Roms. 5:7-9
- 1 John 2:1-2

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B. His only his blood can forgive sins.

- ACTS 20:28
- 1 John 1:7-9
- Rev. 1:5-6

C. HAVE YOU BEEN CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD? *Hymn 124*

*Won't to call upon his name today.*